

From the Director

The main event I joined was the Ship Scrapping & Recycling Conference, organised by Lloyds Maritime Academy on 29th and 30th October 2009, in order to present ISRA and our view on sustainable Ship Recycling. ISRA was well represented by its members; Dimtris Ayvatogly, presenting the practices in Turkey, Henning Gramman on "conforming to the environmental and safety standards", Wouter Rozenveld of Maersk on China and global market outlook, and Bernard Veldhoven in the audience.

As a bonus: you can download the complete conference booklet as a pdf (86 MB) via: <http://www.ibcglobal.com/bonuspapers/KS0133> password is manage. After submitting the password you can download via "ship scrapping & recycling".

During the conference we had good contacts with potential new ISRA members; 2 yards and 3 shipowners. We will follow up.

China, Women in Recycling

Women in recycling are not very common, let alone on top management level. We are therefore very proud to have Janice Liu as our Chair and this is also recognized by the media. On our site you can find an article on Janice, presented as the Chair of ISRA in the October 2009 issue of the magazine Recycling.

New members

We are following up on the potential new members we contacted during the conference in London, and we have one new candidate member in China for which we will make a Board proposal.

IMO Convention and Europe Strategy for better ship dismantling

The council of the European union (Environment) issued their conclusion to all member states on 21st October 2009. The message is very clear and positive:

- Safe and Environmentally sound management is a EU priority
- EU should play a major role
- The Hong Kong convention is an important step in phasing out unsafe and harmful working methods, **including current unsafe aspects of beaching**;
- There is an urgent need to develop additional guidelines
- They call for early voluntary actions by all stakeholders
- EU members are called upon to ratify the convention as a matter of priority.
- EU membership could require significant capacity building
- Negative effects on the competitiveness of EU shipping industry must be avoided
- The EU will support joint projects to upgrade facilities and support national implementation of the Hong Kong Convention and its guidelines.

With 25% of the world merchant ships flying the flags of EU member States and about 40% owned by European companies this is an important statement, which can not be ignored by the respective individual countries.

Annual general meeting

We already have attendances confirmed by members of China, Turkey and the Netherlands. If not already done, please let the secretariat know that you are coming. The meeting will be held in the Swiss Hotel in Izmir on Monday 14th December 2009. See also memo 26.

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